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Southern Grampians
SHIRE COUNCIL

SEEKING NEW BOARD FOR HAMILTON REGIONAL LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE

Southern Grampians Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest for members to join a dynamic new Board for the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange (HRLX).

The Board will make recommendations on the development, implementation and review of the strategic priorities for HRLX and will also provide an annual report on these priorities to Council.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Bruach Colliton, said Council is looking for highly skilled applicants who are able to provide independent advice for the future of HRLX.

“The new Board will ultimately work with Council and Stakeholders to develop HRLX as a commercial standalone entity,” said Cr Colliton.

“The recently completed works for the cattle and sheep yard roof, canteen upgrade, installation of digital signage and more has gone a long way in making HRLX one of the best facilities across the Western District and Victoria.

“The implementation of this Board is the next phase of ensuring the continued development of HRLX and will work to maximise potential to support the agricultural industry of the Southern Grampians and surrounds.”

Successful Board members collectively will have highly developed skills and experience in marketing and communications, finance, strategic planning and importantly, business development.

“The implementation of a members board for HRLX will ensure there is a current strategic and consistent business plan and will importantly provide advice to Council on all matters relating to the strategic development of the facility,” said Cr Colliton.

As a member of the Board, successful applicants will work to:

- Develop strategies and make recommendation to Council to grow the commercial business of the HRLX.
- Make recommendations on the development, implementation, monitoring and review of strategic priorities for HRLX and provide an annual report on these priorities to Council.
- Engage and maintain regular communication with stakeholders and HRLX.

The Board will remain in operation for such time as determined by Council and will serve as an advisory committee to Council.

To apply and to view the Draft Terms of Reference, please visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/HRLX, or contact Council on 5573 0444 for more information. Applications close Monday 4 October 2021.

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2nd Week	Sunday	September 12		No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	September 19	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	September 26	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
1st Week	Sunday	October 3	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	October 10		No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	October 17	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	October 24	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
5th Week	Sunday	October 31	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

*Please check the Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border website <https://westernborder.church/> or phone the Parish Office on 5571 1161 for further details relating to COVID-19 guidelines and procedures.

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

DUNKELD UNITING SERVICE and DISCUSSION in THE ROUND – MONTHLY.

Second Sunday at 5.00pm at Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre with Rev Angie Griffin.
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WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
6	7	8 Issue 14 distributed	9 R U OK? Day	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Last day of Term 3	18	19
20 Dunkeld Arboretum Committee AGM @ 8.00pm	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Red Cross Meeting @ 2.00pm	28	29	30	1 OCT Deadline for Issue 15 Off The Rails AGM	2	3



The Uncertain Future of Off The Rails

Looking back ...

Under VicTrack's 2013-2019 community use of vacant buildings program, Dunkeld Railway Station was restored. Its purpose was to provide the Dunkeld community with a flexible studio space for local professional and amateur artists as well as a gallery and exhibition space. Off the Rails endeavoured to promote community wellbeing through cultural and recreational activities. Over the years, we have put on exhibitions, workshops, and art and craft markets. We have provided space for singing groups, musicians, performance art, meditation groups, poetry and conversation, to name a few activities. The committee behind Off the Rails Dunkeld Inc are a small group of dedicated volunteers who are the official holders of the lease and who manage the space as a not-for-profit organisation.

In 2021, the old lease is up for renewal and Off the Rails Dunkeld Committee are required to finalise a new lease with Vic Track.

Looking forward ...

If we are to continue with a new lease, we need a gauge of community interest in using the building. Are you interested in being a part of a not-for-profit community cultural space? Some of the things you might like to do include running workshops, holding an exhibition, starting a group (e.g. mediation, board games).

To those interested in being a FRIEND OF OFF THE RAILS comments can be emailed to the.diggings@bigpond.com or mailed to:

Off the Rails
PO Box 85
DUNKELD VIC 3294

All responses before 30 September will be taken into consideration by the committee in deciding the future of this wonderful community asset. AGM will be held on Friday 1 October to discuss future viability, new members most welcome.

Please RSVP by Friday 30 September 2021.

Josie Ahearn, President



Dan Tehan MP
Member for Wannon

As your representative in the Federal Parliament, listening to your views about our local area is my priority.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.
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Some mutterings from Father David The therapy of the doing the dishes

Have you never noticed how doing the dishes can be quite cathartic? It's a therapy where you don't actually have to think too much about anything. A space to reflect and sort out our wonky world. Things are in a much better place once the last shiny dish has been triumphantly put away.

But sometimes there is a stinker of a pot which needs a bit of elbow grease and a stubborn will to make it gleaming again. Something stayed on the heat just a little longer than it should have and a simple wipe and a fleeting promise is not going to sort it out. A little something extra is required. Maybe a special product of a brand that cannot be named here. And if that doesn't quite do the trick, then the last desperate measure is this. You leave it soaking overnight. This is pretty hard core and means that the pot/pan/utensil is on its last warning.

I thought about all this as I slushed around the night. My hands gradually thawing in the satisfying swish of the water. There are quirks and problems in our lives that are very much like grubby dishes. Some are mundane and easily dealt with. You've seen it all before, done it all before and it's as easy as an afternoon doze on a sunny afternoon with a refreshing beverage to hand.

Other problems are a little more gruesome. They are trickier and require more brain power and more energy. You get there, but the oomph required is substantially more. Then there are the problems that need to be soaked while you sleep. These require a little more thought; a bit more cogitation and a coming back to them with fresh eyes in the morning. The trick is knowing which problem requires which treatment.

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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

THANK YOU!

Our requests for help with research into World War II servicemen and women buried in the Dunkeld cemetery have been met with very useful responses. Thank you very much to everyone who has contacted us with information.

MUSEUM CLOSED but still active.

Obviously normal functioning of the Museum cannot take place currently, but Heather continues to respond to family history inquiries and Joyce is continuing her work on the World War II book.

We've had to postpone our AGM and will contact members when we reschedule.

If you need a local history hit, don't forget some of our publications are for sale at the Dunkeld General Store, and you can visit our website: www.dunkeldmuseum.org.au

DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

The bowling club's official season Opening day, will be held on Saturday 18 September, (letters to all members re the opening have been sent out).

1. The M.A. TEMPLETON Memorial 21 Up is set for Saturday 18 September.
2. The DRAWN PAIRS - will be played on Sunday 26 September.
3. The 100 Up is scheduled for Sunday 3 October.

Entry sheets for all events are on the notice board at the club.


PENNANT

This year Dunkeld will field two teams in the Western Division, a Division 1 team (up from Div 2), will comprise of 12 players and a Division 5 team comprising of 8 players. These two teams shall begin on Saturday 23 October with the first game at home.

Another team, (Division 4), a team of 8 players, will play in the Far Western Division and will commence on Saturday 9 October.

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Publicity Officer



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DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

All the building works have been completed on the jetty at the reservoir, we will put decking oil on to protect the timber in the near future.

Landscaping is now in progress in consultation with the Arboretum Committee. A big thank you to Paul McDonald and helpers for a very good and professional job on the jetty.

I put up for discussion if anyone wants a dog park in Dunkeld on the Community Facebook page, any further comment for or against?? and where it would be???

The Caravan Park is very quiet at the minute due to these restrictions, let's hope for some easing next week. We have a new gas BBQ installed in the camp kitchen and the new bridge will be in place soon over the creek.

We would like to have another working bee along Salt Creek at some stage, all depends on lockdowns and weather conditions in the Spring.

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RED CROSS NEWS



Red Cross teams are on the ground in **Afghanistan**, where there is a complex humanitarian crisis occurring, with thousands wounded and hundreds forced to flee their homes. Families face enormously dangerous situations each day.

Providing life-saving support, Red Cross is **treating the wounded** at health centres and hospitals; providing vital **humanitarian assistance** to the needy and **reconnecting families**, separated during the conflict. The **Australian Red Cross** is helping with the reconnecting from **this end**. Support for this work can be sent to <https://www.redcross.org.au/campaigns/afghanistan-crisis-appeal#donate>

Bushfire Report Update: Eighteen months later **recovery takes time** and even after one year, another 245 people have come forward for help. Of the generously given and raised funds of **\$242million**, 93% has been disbursed with less than 5% in administration costs.

Assistance has been given to 40,107 people on their recovery journey with one-to-one **support, information and referrals**; 13,260 financial grants allotted to 6,085 people. Red Cross is there **'for as long as it takes.'** A full report can be found on the Red Cross website.

At this stage it looks like we might be able to meet at the **Henry Leech RSL Room, 2.00p.m on Monday 27 September**. The same rule applies, that if there is a lock-down or disaster of some sort, there will not be a meeting.

Iris Field, Secretary

Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group Inc.

Notice of AGM - to elect office bearers for 2021/2

8pm, Monday 20th September 2021
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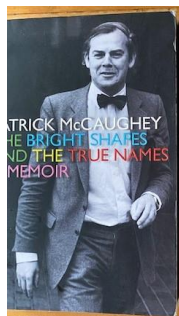
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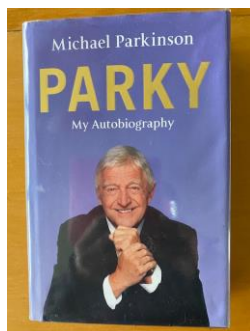
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1. McCaughey, Patrick The Bright Shapes and the True Names. A Memoir

Holding sway in the 1980s, Patrick was one of the most charismatic and brilliant Directors of the National Gallery of Victoria. With a background of Scotch College and Melbourne University, but with a not-very-hardworking and debonair attitude, McCaughey failed to impress academia but landed on his feet by becoming the Age Newspaper's art critic at 24. His stories of dealing with irate private gallery-owners whose exhibitions he had criticized in print, resulting in a vast dossier of letters of complaint are highly amusing. The establishment's complaints, including those of Maie Casey and Sir Russell Drysdale, turned out to be the reason that the editor, Graeme Perkin, appointed the young stirrer. All this, and his deep knowledge of the art world, became a solid grounding when he took up the position of NGV Director in 1981, I read Patrick's autobiography, which followed this memoir at a later date, and as I was about to put it on the shelf in the bookshop, in walked the author. He was most impressed and I still have that signed copy in my book collection.

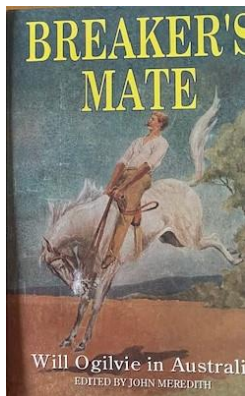
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2. PARKINSON, Michael Parky. My Autobiography

Born in a pit village in Yorkshire, 'Parky' came to be a household name, firstly as a journalist, secondly as a wonderful interviewer of celebrities, and thirdly as a cricket tragic. Apart from the likes of Kirk Douglas, Bing Crosby, Dame Edna, Vincent Price, Spike Milligan, some of his best interviews were with cricketers including Keith Miller and Shane Warne.

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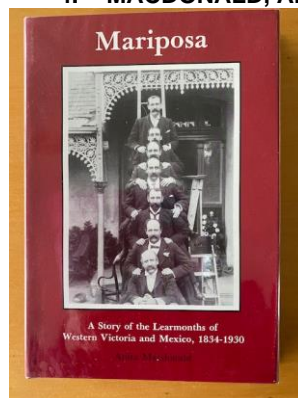
3. (OGILVIE, Will) Breaker's Mate. Will Ogilvie in Australia. Edited by John Meredith.

If you like the bush poetry of Lawson and Paterson, this story of Will Ogilvie's life, friends and his writing will be a good addition to your reading. Unlike both, he genuinely reflected the life he lived, of hunting, droving, horse-racing, marathon cattle-drives. Ogilvie's friend Breaker Morant taught him to play polo, and both revelled in the life of jackeroo, drover and horse-breaker in 1890s outback Australia. I often get asked for a copy of Ogilvie's book 'Fair

Girls and Gray Horses' which is quite a rarity. Ogilvie was published in the Bulletin, alongside Lawson and the Banjo. One of his ballads, 'The Stockyard Liar' became highly popular with bushmen reciters, and the book contains many others that read as well now as they did in his droving days, including 'Kelpies'
'Where the dust clouds spin on the dry claypans,
Where the dancing brolgas play,
Where the dingo fashions his furtive plans-
It is there that the little black-and- tans
Toil on in the heat of the day.'

Paperback \$15.00

4. MACDONALD, Anita



Mariposa. A Story of the Learmonth's of Western Victoria and Mexico, 1834-1930

This is another must-read Western District staple, a rollicking tale of Peter Learmonth and his descendants who first arrived in Van Diemen's Land from Scotland in the 1840s. Peter settled at Prestonholme, a spot we all pass regularly on the Mill Road on the way to Hamilton. Imagine it as an

isolated station in those times, where the family had 10 children, and their energy and ability saw four flour mills set up, a stock and station agent business flourish, and a further purchase of the property 'Corea' near Dunkeld. In 1882 the eldest sons went to Mexico on the 82,000 acre Nacimiento ranch, and wrote home every month for 10 years. These letters, most of which were kept by the family, are published in this book.

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Please forward your content to Mrs Carol Burger – email: carolburger5103@gmail.com or phone: 0417 374 673.

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16	Friday 15 October	Wed 20 October
17	Friday 29 October	Wed 3 November
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20	Friday 10 December LAST ISSUE FOR 2021	Wed 15 December



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SCHOOL NEWS

Week 8

How wonderful that Spring is here! I think it is just what we all needed, brighter days with sunshine, literally and metaphorically speaking. I'm constantly reminded to enjoy the simple, little things in life during this time and reflect on what I have, not what I don't have.

With this in mind, a big thank you to all families for their continued support of our remote learning program. As a staff we have ensured continuity with the way we deliver the program, consistent with the guidelines provided by DET. Teachers are checking in with students and ensuring school continues as best it can, as they focus on students becoming resilient, independent learners, with a focus on their wellbeing and happiness. Students are encouraged to contact their teachers and organise to check-in further if required. Keep up the great work everyone!

With NAPLAN results being released this week, it is so pleasing to hear from the DET about how Victoria has compared. David Howes, Deputy Secretary, Schools and Regional Services, DET states "these results are enormously encouraging, and are a testament to the incredible job that you have done over the past 18 months" and that "in the current context, our NAPLAN results are far from all that matter. The wellbeing of all our students, as always, is our first priority". Furthermore, Howes states "Victoria's comparative performance, as the jurisdiction most impacted by lockdowns in 2020, is nothing short of extraordinary". Howes also stated a direct thank you, to educators and it would be remiss of me to not pass this onto our school community for the role you played in your child's education in 2020 with remote learning.

With the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and reduced access to parents on-site, we recently opened the second pedestrian gateway, alleviating the congestion of cars queuing to collect their children. We are still awaiting further works from the shire, extending the culvert area to three times the existing completed works. Feedback so far has been positive with faster pick-up times occurring. Thank you to all families for their patience and positivity with this issue.

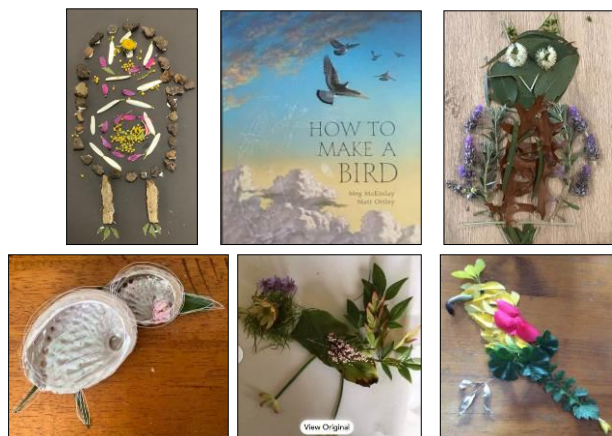
As you are all aware, Mrs Ann Howard is on Long Service Leave for Term 4, I would like to advise you that at the conclusion of this leave Ann has informed me that she will be retiring. Ann has been involved at Dunkeld Consolidated School for many years, along with her time at the Glenthompson Campus. We hope to hold a special assembly to farewell Mrs Howard, as she moves on to the next chapter in her life, enjoying time with her grandchildren and experiencing the city life she thoroughly enjoys.

In closing, I want to reiterate our gratitude for the continued support from the entire school community. Warmer weather and better times are coming.

Thank you again and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and productive Spring!
Angela Field, Acting Principal

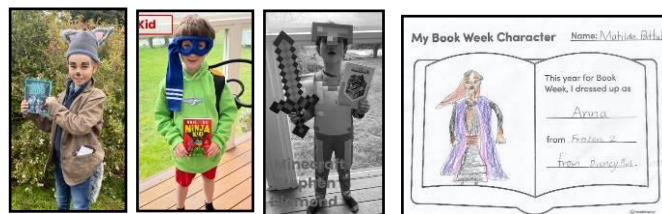
SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS Celebrating Book Week

Year 4, 5 and 6 students show their creative talent
 How to make a bird out of nature's objects:



Book Week Theme – “Old Worlds, New Worlds and Other Worlds”

Even during lockdown, you can see the children and staff still got to take part and enjoy Book Week. Even Piccaninny the cow joined in the fun.



Paralympian Swimmer - Blake Cochrane

The Year 2/3 students have been working hard in Remote Learning. Today we learnt about Paralympian swimmer, Blake Cochrane and here are some facts we have learnt.

<p>Blake Cochrane</p> <p>“Hoping to wishful speaking determination is making thinking.”</p>	<p>Year 2: -How old is Blake? 30</p>	<p>Swimming Alltime CHAMPIONS</p>
	<p>-How many Paralympics medals has he won? 4</p> <p>-What is the Australian swimming team called? Dolphin</p>	
<p>Year 3: (answer the above questions as well as the next 3 questions)</p> <p>-Where is Blake Cochrane from? Which state? Queensland</p> <p>-What colour medal did Blake win at the Beijing Paralympics in 2008? Silver</p> <p>-What was Blake Cochrane's favourite swimming moment? When winning gold in the London Paralympics</p>		

By Edward Alderman

Year 6 Writing

On Saturday 7 August we put twenty-two eggs in the incubator and on Saturday 21 August we counted them and eleven had chickens in them and the others didn't. The next day we placed the eleven hatchlings in a tub however we only had one hexagon lamp, which was over in the wool shed keeping the other chickens warm. We ordered a new one and during the meantime we sat the chickens in the sun to keep them warm. Twenty minutes later Dad arrived home with the new hexagon lamp and the chickens were nice and warm, sleeping in their tub.



By Drew Hassett

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program



Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...

Kitchen Report:

On Friday during remote learning the students and staff were in the kitchen cooking. For lunch we cooked chicken skewers and roasted potatoes which we cooked on the fire in the garden. For dessert we cooked golden syrup dumplings. Isla, Zoe and Audrey made the tea and gathered the herbs and the flowers. We thought the dumplings were deliciously, soft and yummy. I thought the tea was delicious, like always and I did not want to stop drinking it. I finally got to finish my tea. The chicken skewers were 100% yummy and the potatoes looked 100% cool. *By Zoe Trotter, Year 3*

The dumplings with golden syrup and chicken skewers were amazing! I loved the potatoes, too. Thanks so much to Clare Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre for cooking with us. We had a blast! *By Isla Oldfield Mann, Year 3*

Garden Report:

Perfect back drop and one can imagine the aromas coming from the delightful food.



“Staying Connected” Initiative

Staff member, Clare Kennedy, suggested a ‘Staying Connected’ initiative for the Year 4/5/6 students to be involved with during this recent lockdown period. Students are writing to various members of the community, including SAKG Friends, community groups and local business owners. Each student has been provided with a person to write to, along with a stamped envelope for them to post their card, letter or note in, via the Post Office or local mail runs. We are sure that the letters have brought a big smile to lots of people’s faces! Please feel free to send a response to the students, marking the envelopes c/- Dunkeld Consolidated School, 93 Victoria Valley Road, Dunkeld.



COVID-19 Restrictions

A reminder to the school and the wider Dunkeld community that all of the school grounds, including playground equipment, ovals, sports areas, drinking taps etc are closed under the DET’s current COVID-19 Operations Guide.

Also, a reminder that the school should only allow on-site access to essential visitors. Parents should be using the pedestrian gateway on Victoria Valley Road for drop-off and pick-up for on-site learners. Please phone the school beforehand on 5577 2384, if you need to call into the office. Face masks must be worn and any parents or visitors must check in using the QR code (for contact tracing) and the Visitors Book (for school purposes) at the office, when entering school grounds.

The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants your Used Batteries!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has been conducting an ongoing Battery Collection Fundraiser. Kelly’s Dunkeld have kindly offered to be a central collection point for used batteries for the Dunkeld Consolidated School (Jason Linskens was instrumental in organising this). Any unwanted car, truck, tractor, boat batteries etc may be dropped off at Kelly’s Hardware Store, 101 Parker Street, Dunkeld.

Components of used batteries e.g. metals, acids and plastics are reclaimed, recycled and put back into the manufacturing process to build more batteries and household products, 98% of the battery is recycled.

If you require any assistance with the pick-up of your used batteries, please contact Simon Ross on 0408 984 499. Thank you for your support!

250 WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

Octavius came home from school and went straight to the reassuring embrace of his mum Ember.

“Mummy ... mummy! Some of the grade 6 boys were calling each other names and they used this yucky word.”

Taking a deep breath, Amber braced herself. “What was the word darling?”

“Bigot” replied Octavius, almost spitting out the word. “It sounds awful Mummy ... What does it mean?”

Well it wasn’t nearly as bad as what Amber had thought, but it did provoke some thought. She went to the bookshelf, took down the dictionary and blew the dust off it. This is what she discovered.

‘Bigot - noun- a person who is obstinately or unreasonably attached to a belief, opinion, or faction, especially one who is prejudiced against or antagonistic towards a person or people on the basis of their membership of a particular group’.

Once my hair was much darker. In those days I thought that there could only ever be two sides of an argument. One was right (my point of view) and one was wrong. There was the dark side and there was the light side. I never considered that there might be shades of grey mixed into the argument. Either a thing was wrong or it was right. Simple as that. Or is it? One of the many things this problematic pandemic teaches us is that there are actually many shades of grey. Things are not clear cut. Life would be so much easier if that were the case. We splash around in puddles of grey. The guy who drives ferociously to be at his dying grandma’s bedside should... have the book thrown at him... treated with compassion... or ...??? With our peppery hair, let us splash gently in our puddles of unclear water. Everyone of us can agree that a bigot is not a nice word.

COVID 19 | Coronavirus
Are you feeling lonely or disconnected and require social or practical support as a result of Coronavirus?

Please call SGSC Community Connector to be linked to local support networks.

SGSC Community Connector **COVID hotline**
5551 8614 1800 675 398

 **Southern Grampians** **IT’S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP**
SHIRE COUNCIL



MAYOR CALLS FOR RELIEF FOR REGIONS

Southern Grampians Shire Council is calling on the Victorian Government to rethink its approach to regional lockdowns in areas which are currently COVID-free.

In a letter to Premier Daniel Andrews, Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Bruach Colliton this week said, “Whilst our Southern Grampians community is happy to play its role in a response to the pandemic, this latest lockdown across regional Victoria has been difficult to accept, when the public health risk is weighed against the damage to business and the wellbeing of our community from the lockdown.”

"A lot has changed, over the last 18 months which I believe warrants a rethink of the "one size fits all" approach to lockdowns in regional areas," Cr Colliton said.

He called for the restrictions to be eased for the majority of regional Victoria, locking down just the communities with infections.

"The last reported case of COVID19 in Southern Grampians was in early 2020. In this most recent spread of the virus in Victoria, the nearest reported case to Southern Grampians is 300kms away in Melbourne. With Melbourne in lockdown, there is little opportunity for the virus to spread to Southern Grampians," Cr Colliton said.

"The high vaccination rate in Southern Grampians, together with the responsibility shown by the Shepparton community in respecting public health directions, demonstrates the community mindedness of rural communities and their capacity to respond during outbreaks and contain them relatively quickly.

"I believe now is the right time to have a more nuanced approach to lockdowns, locking down just the communities with infections. With the improvements to our tracing processes, the community's understanding of hygiene factors that minimise the chance of infection, our distance from the nearest infections, and with consideration of vaccination rates, it has been difficult for the Southern Grampians community to accept why it has been locked down. We feel a more appropriate approach would have been locking down Shepparton/Echuca area, and Melbourne Metro area, to contain the virus to those locations," Cr Colliton said.

Cr Colliton thanked the community for rolling up their sleeves to be vaccinated, with recent figures showing over 40 percent of the Southern Grampians population had received both doses of vaccine.

"I was on the fence myself about vaccination for a time, but it's not about me or you as individuals. It's about the greater good. Vaccination is 100 percent our way out of this pandemic so let's keep rolling those sleeves up for the benefit of our entire community," Cr Colliton concluded.



DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal for 2021 is

\$40.00 per person. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL. Affiliate memberships are also available to members of emergency services (police, fire brigade, CFA, ambulance and/or SES). By becoming a member of the RSL, you will enjoy the privilege of having joined one of Australia's oldest and most revered organisations and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch.

An organisation committed to selfless service on behalf of the nation, which is dedicated to honouring those who have served our nation through military service, and that focuses on the care of veterans and their dependants. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson - phone: 5573 3353.

2021 RSL Annual Conference: Last week, all registered delegates will have received an email with guidance and support information relating to participating in the conference in an online environment, which will be held on Saturday 11 September 2021. The communication included guidance and FAQ documents, supported by two short videos around the usage and functionality of Zoom (video conferencing) and

Vero (online voting platform). For all other enquires regarding the Annual Conference, please contact Rose on rsorrell@rslvic.com.au or Rosemary on rkennedy@rslvic.com.au

Veterans and Families Wellbeing Centres: The following information has been provided from RSL Victoria: While we all struggle through this latest lockdown, each of the teams at the Frankston, Geelong, Melbourne and Warrnambool Veteran Centres continue to support veterans and their families working remotely. Despite the additional complexities this creates, everyone has continued to provide excellent service to those in need during this challenging time.

Our current situation also underscores the importance of work currently underway to mature the current model into a networked solution. It will take time to mature the model that we have and establish a framework to implement these centres in an efficient and effective manner, and we will be communicating the process and outcomes as we continue on this journey.

Additionally, there are several major projects occurring over the next twelve to eighteen months including the Wodonga Veterans and Families Wellbeing Centre and a roadmap, developed in consultation with the Sub-Branch network and Regional Veteran Centres.

Consultation will commence shortly with the network, which will help to inform the phased implementation of additional Centres state-wide.

From the Lions Den

L Liberty
I Intelligence
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Our deeds determine us ... as much as we determine our deeds.

Lions International Objects

5. To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

Dealing with COVID

Because of all the restrictions on travel Liz and I were unable to go to Ireland for a holiday so we did the next best thing for the Irish. We went to Koroit and stayed a few days. On the first afternoon we went into the hotel and we were sitting in the bar soaking up the atmosphere. A local walked in alone and greeted everyone. The barman pulled three beers and put them in front of him, the man drank the three beers there and ordered another three. He then wandered around the bar talking to the customers, drank the three beers and left.

The same thing happened the next two days.

The barman told us that the customer (Paddy) came to live in Koroit about six months ago and came in every day for a drink. On the first occasion he entered the bar and ordered the beers he said, 'Three beers please I want to have a drink with my brothers.'

The barman poured one and said, 'Do you want me to wait until your brothers arrive?'

Paddy replied, 'No, pour the three, please.'

The barman said that the ritual was always the same and that he drank the beers on his own.

On our fourth day there, Paddy walked in but as the barman started to pour the beers, Paddy said, 'Only two beers Mick, thank you.'

Mick poured the two beers and pushed them across to Paddy and I could see he wanted to say something but didn't know what to say. Paddy stayed for a while, drank the beers and left. After Paddy left Mick went and spoke to the other drinkers. After a while I went to get more drinks and asked Mick what was wrong with Paddy. Mick replied that he did not know but everyone thought that one of Paddy's brothers must have died.

The next day we went in there was a bunch of flowers on the bar and a sympathy card signed by the staff and customers. When Paddy walked in Mick poured the two beers and gave Paddy the card and flowers and said, 'We are sorry about your brother.'

Paddy looked at the flowers and car and had a surprised look on his face and said, 'My brothers are okay but the reason I got two beers only is I have given up drinking.'



Garden Notes – September

Main vegetable plantings for September include late peas, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, silver beet, spinach, celery, lettuce, onions, late potatoes also early plantings of tomato, beans, pumpkins, zucchini, capsicum, cucumber and sweet corn. Dahlia, lilliums and gladioli can be planted for summer displays as well as annuals such as petunia, marigold, impatiens, lobelia and snapdragons.

September is a good time to feed most of your plants, many gardeners are using nature's own fertiliser and soil conditioner, COMPOST. This can be made very easily from a large range of otherwise waste material such as leaves, grass clippings, weeds (except perennial weeds such as couch grass, oxalis etc – heat of composting will not kill them – instead take them to the rubbish tip or burn them), vegetable scraps, tea leaves, the dust from your vacuum cleaner, torn up paper or cardboard etc. The more variety of material used, the better the end result.

The most manageable size for a home garden compost heap would be about one cubic metre. Any smaller and there would not be enough heat created to produce the compost, any larger and the heap becomes hard to manage using ordinary garden tools. In making the heap, place the material to be used layer by layer with an occasional layer of weed free garden soil, also animal manure and blood and bone fertiliser. A light dusting of garden lime or dolomite every now and again will encourage earthworm activity, a valuable bonus.

Regularly turning the heap so that the outside becomes the centre will speed up the composting process which should take about six to eight weeks, when your compost has broken down to a brown fibrous material, it can be used as a mulch around your plants or dug into the soil. It involves some work but using compost will dramatically improve your soil's structure and fertility. Commercially made compost can be purchased from your local nursery.

Black spot and milder can trouble roses during the late spring and summer. Precautions, not care, is the key to controlling these diseases. Do not over water your roses and use a fungicide regularly.

Happy gardening!
Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123

Earth's Radiance by Marion Colton

September – rains, winds, frosts, sun showers, rainbows – such a panorama of skies and temperatures.

The bush is looking radiant with flowers: yellow Hibbertias, Nodding Greenhoods clustered under trees or in mosses; the first appearances of mauve-blue Waxlip Orchids, and a few white ones; pink buds and clusters of white blossoms of Snow Myrtles just bursting into bloom; and several colonies of the Soft Bush-pea, *Pultenaea mollis*, with terminal clusters of bright yellow flowers delicately striped with orange-brown near their centres. They have a sweet fragrance, and both their slender leaves and stems are velvety soft with tiny, white hairs. A Love Creeper winds through an Hibbertia, its masses of blue flowers contrasting with the yellow. Further on, it wound through Pink Bells creating a different contrast. In yet another area it draped seductively over a grey branch, bringing the sky's colour to earth.

The Victorian Smoke-bush is just opening its smoky buds and the prickly Hedge Wattle is a mass of glorious yellow. Previously, at the entrance to the track, the more delicate yellow spikes of Prickly Moses welcome walkers and creatures. The Beard-heath continue to create carpets of white, interspersed with the red tubes of Flame Heath and the exquisite Golden Heath, with creamy pale green tubes and hairy petals which roll back like long eye lashes, revealing long, creamy stamens. What a delight to walk through so much beauty and diversity!

If you are walking in the bush with your eyes forward on the ground, you might come across a tiny plant with minute, greenish-white flowers emerging from the axils of small leaves, shiny green on the upper surface and pale green underneath. There are six, sometimes eight, starry sepals (?) around centres of miniscule, rounded flowers (?) with brown stamens like infinitesimal dots:



Maybe, like me, you will wonder what this plant is, as I did once last year during September on the top of Mount Dundas where they were flowering in profusion.

A little further on your walk, you may see a larger shrub, its leaves increased in size but still small, roughly 1.5 to 2.0 centimetres long and 1.0 centimetres at the broadest point. Their surfaces, full of minute oil glands, glisten on both sides and feel slightly rough and sometimes sticky. There are no flowers on this shrub:



Yet further on your walk, you may come to another similar shrub and recognise its leaves. This shrub also does not bear flowers. Instead, it is dangling masses of green, trilobed seed pods. These particular seeds have three wings, but sometimes, on other shrubs, they have four. The wings also change their hue as they mature, sometimes red, sometimes claret, sometimes deep burgundy. These seed pods have given you the clue for identification. All three plants, at quite different stages on this September day, are known as *Dodonaea cuneata*, Wedge-leaf Hop Bush.

